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SUBJ: AEROSPACE INDUSTRY: MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

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1. MCDONNELL DOUGLAS ISSUED PRESS RELEASE SEPT 29 SUMMARIZING DETAILS OF ITS PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN RESTRUCTURING OF CANADIAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IF GOC COMMITS ITSELF TO PROCURE 127 CF-15 EAGLE FIGHTERS. ANNOUNCEMENT RECEIVED WIDESPREAD ATTENTION IN MOST NEWSPAPERS. WE ARE FORWARDING COPIES OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO EUR/CAN (BLAKEMORE), EB/ITP/OT/TA (GRIMMER), AND COMMERCE IEPR/DIBA (PRUIETT).

2. COMMENT: MCDONNELL DOUGLAS PROPOSAL IS ONE OF SEVERAL UNDER CONSIDERATION IN GOC. MANY INVOLVE A MIXTURE OF PROCUREMENT AND INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN ANNOUNCED, AND PRESS SPECULATION SUGGESTS IT WILL NOT BE MADE SOON. NOR HAS DECISION BEEN YET TAKEN TO EXERCISE OPTION NEGOTIATED LAST SPRING TO PURCHASE CANADAIR LTD. FROM GENERAL DYNAMICS. OPTION EXPIRES MID-OCTOBER. JOHNSON

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